

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

A LANDOWNER PLANTED A **VINEYARD.**

— MATTHEW 21:33 —



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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2026

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LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

ST VINCENT FERRER MASS TIME

SUNDAY - 9:00AM - LIVESTREAMED



Liturgy of the Word 9:00am
(also livestreamed)
followed by
Silent Adoration on
Tuesdays until 10:30am

Liturgy of the Word 9:00am
(also livestreamed)
followed by **Rosary on**
Thursdays



Search for St. Vincent Ferrer Catholic Church (in Madison Heights) on youtube to find our channel or connect via our APP or website

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

St. Mary: 730 S Lafayette, Royal Oak 48067

Tuesday: 7:30 to 8:30pm

Friday: 6:30 to 7:30am

Saturday: 3:00 to 4:00pm

National Shrine: 2100 W 12 Mile Royal Oak 48073

M thru F: following 6:30 Mass until all heard but no later than 8am

Saturday: following 8:30 Mass until all heard but no later than 10am

MASS INTENTIONS, SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2026

Don Bessler† req. by Marie Bessler
Richard Collins† (Memorial Birthday) req. by Linda Collins
Joseph Dong Kim Pham† req. by Family
Living and Deceased Members and Families of Father
Heary K of C Council
Mary Samel (1st R.A.) req by Corrine McCarthy
Gene Bosetti† req. by Meg & Sam Lamerato
Parishioners of St. Vincent Ferrer

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Monday through Thursday
9am to Noon - 1:00pm to 4:30pm

Friday 9am to Noon

Closed Saturday, & Sunday



Reverend Paul Snyder, Administrator, FOP Moderator
Reverend Jude Inweregbu, Mass celebrant
Deborah Tourville, Bus. Mgr/Adult Faith Formation
Sheryl Brown, Parish Secretary/Bulletin Editor
Jim Balistreri, Music Coordinator
Carl Copen, Facilities Supervisor
Alex Mototolea, Maintenance

For sacramental information or funerals
contact the Parish Office 248-542-8720

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Is 5:1-7/Ps 80:9 and 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20/Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-43
Monday: Gal 1:6-12/Ps 111:1b-2, 7-8, 9 and 10c/Lk 10:25-37
Tuesday: Gal 1:13-24/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15/Lk 10:38-42
Wednesday: Gal 2:1-2, 7-14/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Lk 11:1-4
Thursday: Gal 3:1-5/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75/Lk 11:5-13
Friday: Gal 3:7-14/Ps 111:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 11:15-26
Saturday: Gal 3:22-29/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 11:27-28
Next Sunday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Phil 4:12-14, 19-20/Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10



Twenty-Seventh
Sunday in
Ordinary Time

Have you ever felt like your attempts at prayer are a waste of time? I have. Early in my priesthood, I noticed that my prayer life was weakening. Awe and eager expectancy of contact with God had given way to routine. I gradually spent less and less time praying. Nothing dramatic had happened, but my attitude toward God had changed, and I was losing the desire to pray.

Jesus' parable of the insane vineyard tenants speaks into this kind of experience. He says the landowner "leased it to tenants and went on a journey" (Matthew 21:33). The key to this message is that the vineyard does not belong to those who work it — they are entrusted with it. But little by little, they view it as their possession, and ungrateful entitlement follows. The servants sent by the owner are treated as intrusions. Even the owner's son becomes a means to their delusional self-will. The central tragedy is not violence but the forgetfulness that spawns it. They need reminding how lucky they are to be given so much.

Eventually, God sent friends to remind me that my relationship with Him and my prayer time are not my possessions, but rather God's tremendous gifts to me. Perhaps you are feeling discouraged for some reason or other these days in your walk with God. Ponder this parable and let it be a gentle reminder that you and I are fortunate stewards, and God is the generous giver. This allows us to rediscover the beauty of the vineyards in our lives and to remain energetic in cultivating his gifts.

— Father John Muir

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IT'S PINK RIBBON TIME

It's breast cancer awareness month again. The symbol of the pink ribbon reminds us of mammograms, those we know and love that have disease, breast cancer survivors, and thoughts of how it can change your life. It should also remind us that males can get breast cancer too.

This year let's support people with breast cancer.

·If you know someone who is living with breast cancer or has had breast cancer, check in with them to see how they are doing.

·Learn more about breast cancer and your risk factors (breastcancer.org)

·Talk to others about breast cancer and remind them about screening. Schedule your annual mammogram.

·Remember men can get breast cancer, too. Men should be familiar with how their breast tissue normally looks and feels so they are aware of any changes.

Breast Cancer Awareness month can be a good reminder not only for awareness but support and learning more about it.

Angela Maynard
Parish Nurse



CCSEM Senior Food Collection October 11

Items requested:

Individual lunchbox sized and packaged snacks like:
Crackers, Granola bars, Cereal bars and Fruit
snacks
Canned Foods including: Soups, Stews, Chili,
Ravioli, Spaghetios, Fruit, Vegetables

Gift cards, in any amount are especially appreciated and used to buy perishable food, from: Kroger, Meijer, Walmart or Target

Blood Pressure Checks Sunday, October 11

Next Sunday, Angela, our Parish Nurse will be checking blood pressures at our monthly Coffee and Donut Hospitality.



Respect Life

"The cemetery of the victims of human cruelty in our century is extended to include yet another vast cemetery, that of the unborn".

-Pope St. John Paul II

"Life is the first good received from God and is fundamental to all others; to guarantee the right to life for all and in an equal manner for all is the duty upon which the future of humanity depends."

-Pope Benedict XVI

"It is not 'progressive' to try to resolve problems by eliminating a human life."

-Pope Francis

Forgive us, Lord, when we fall into indifference or the culture of discard, when we fail to see in others a being worthy of love.

Give us a new heart, always ready to choose life, and generous hands that protect it through concrete actions.

Make your Church a living witness of the Gospel of life, an open home where every life is celebrated, where no one feels unwanted, and where dignity is always honored and protected. Lord Jesus, may we love life as You love it: with tenderness, fidelity and self-giving. May we proclaim, in words and actions, that every human life is worth the total gift of ourselves.

Amen.

-Pope Leo XIV



Activity	Date	Requested items
Sandwich Items Collection	October 11	Creamy Peanut Butter (10-12 jars) Grape or Strawberry Jam (10-12 jars) Loaves of White Bread (30)
Halloween Candy Collection	October 11 & 18	bags of individually wrapped candy
Sandwich Making	October 17 10am - Admin bldg. hall	volunteer sign up
Men's Socks & Underwear Collection	October 18 & 25	men's white socks men's undershirts (L & XL) men's underwear (L & XL)



...government leaders everywhere to seek wisdom in finding peaceful solutions to world wars and tensions.

...medical and humanitarian aid for those suffering from hardship due to catastrophic weather, fires, floods, wars, earthquakes and disasters.

...respect for life from conception to natural death

...the safety of men and women dedicated to protecting lives and freedom.

...the homeless, the addicted and all who are suffering physically, spiritually, mentally, and emotionally.

...all who are sick, homebound undergoing or recovering from surgery, medical procedures, treatments or testing, and those who have made specific prayer requests.

Lord Jesus,

You are the Divine Physician and Healer. To You, we lift up in prayer all who are lonely, homeless, sick or addicted; all who are unemployed or underemployed; all who are anxious or depressed and all who are suffering in any way spiritually, physically or emotionally. In their pain and brokenness, we ask that you bring them the comfort of your loving presence. In You, may they find strength for the day and hope for the journey. Amen

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP & SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

Saturday, October 10 at 9:00am
Faith Formation Office in School



The men's fellowship group gathers for a scripture reflection/sharing every other Saturday. All men are welcome. No fees or registration are required.

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK FOR REFLECTION

1st Reading: Is 5:1-7

Question: Isaiah speaks of God's frustration over the people of Judah (the Lord's "cherished plant") who have not yielded a good crop. How do you encourage family or friends to live up to their potential?

2nd Reading: Phil 4:6-9

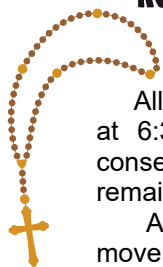
Question: Paul teaches the Philippians that prayer and positive thoughts are key to avoiding anxiety and experiencing the peace of God. What are some positive thoughts you focus on when you are stressed or anxious?

Gospel: Mt 21:33-43

Question: Jesus harshly criticizes the chief priests and Pharisees in the Parable of the Tenants. How do you deliver legitimate criticism to someone you care about?

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ROSARY PRAYER CONTINUES ON MONDAY EVENINGS



All are welcome to come and pray the rosary at 6:30pm on Monday evenings followed by consecration prayers for those who wish to remain.

As the weather changes, the gathering will move from the patio to the Admin dining hall or the Faith Formation Office in the school. Until then, please bring a chair. Rosaries and prayers are available for those who need them.

WHY DO WE DO THAT? CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

The Sign of Peace

Question: Why do Catholics give the sign of peace to one another at Mass?

Answer: The sign of peace is a part of the Mass that takes place immediately after we offer the Lord's Prayer. Inspired by the Jesus' words to his first followers, we stand together in a spirit of communion to pray as Jesus taught us: "Our Father who art in heaven..." In this prayer, we call for the coming of God's kingdom in all its fullness and ask that God provides for our needs — "Give us, this day, our daily bread" — to forgive our sins and to bring us to the joy of heaven.

It is almost natural, then, that the rite of peace would follow. As the celebrant prays that Christ's peace will fill our hearts, our communities, the Church, and the whole world, we extend to those around us a sign of peace (usually a hug or a handshake) as a symbol of the communion that we experience now and will experience forever in the fullness of the reign of God.

We are also reminded of Jesus' teachings that if we are at prayer and remember that a brother or sister is holding something against us, then we are to go and seek reconciliation with them before we continue our prayer (see Matthew 5:23). And so, the sign of peace also reminds us of the need to truly be in communion — united in love and peace — with God and one another before we approach the altar to receive the Eucharist.

So, the next time you're at Mass and the time comes for the sign of peace, remember that this is a moment to celebrate the gift of Christ's peace that each of us has received from God and to pass that peace along to those around us. We need this moment to practice, because this is also the same peace of Christ that we are instructed to carry out into the world at the end of Mass when the priest or deacon says to us, "Go, in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life."

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**VIRTUES,
EXPLAINED!
CONNECT WITH
TRADITION AND
GROW YOUR FAITH**
Magnanimity, Explained!

Magnanimity, writes St. Thomas Aquinas, describes "the stretching forth of the mind to great things." (Sum. II-II, 129, Art. 1) This virtue protects souls from the temptation to do honorable things for intentions that fall short of honorability.

Magnanimity shares much with the virtue of humility, but unlike humility, it specifically seeks what is great — but never the distinction of being called great. A magnanimous person's focus is solely on accomplishing as much good as possible, as effectively as possible.

When Joseph learned that Mary, his betrothed, was with child through the Holy Spirit, he had a chance to distinguish himself as a virtuous man. In calling for Mary's punishment, he could have condemned immorality loudly and publicly, while distancing himself from what appeared to be sin.

Instead, he did the opposite. He did what he knew to be right. He exhibited magnanimity, and the world was never the same.

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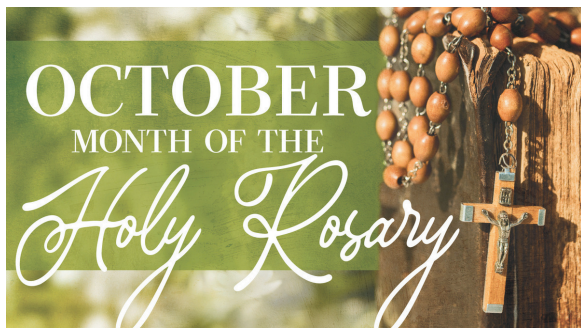
MINISTERS SCHEDULE

October 11, 2026

MASS	9:00AM
Sacristan	T Riley
Reader #1	P Allen
Reader #2	D Tourville
EME	D Gray
EME	A Goll
EME	L Yolkiewicz
Greeter	P Rarus
Greeter	B Gutowski
Greeter	T Pasiak
Greeter	R Pasiak

Traveling Chalice Host Beginning October 11, 2026

NEEDED



CATHOLIC TRIVIA - JUST FOR FUN

Question: What words does a Eucharistic minister say before giving the Eucharist to a communicant?

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Answer: The Body of Christ/The Blood of Christ

St. Vincent Ferrer Catholic Community

extends its deepest sympathy and support to the family and friends of



*Eugene Bosetti
Jean Pietraszewski*

Please remember them and the souls of all the faithful departed in your prayers.

May all the deceased be welcomed into paradise.

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Some build their lives on a foundation of wealth, some on a foundation of power. What do we choose for our cornerstone? What supports the weight of our souls? For the Christian life, there is only one foundation strong enough to hold. Choose wisely. ©LPi

HOARDING THE HARVEST

by Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

I've always thought the Parable of the Tenants could be a storyline on one of those "world's dumbest criminals" shows.

Serial murder seems like an absolutely insane course of action simply to hoard the profits of a harvest you don't legally own. In what world did the tenants think they would get away with that? Furthermore, they must have had a contract with their landowner ensuring payment for their labor. Why, all of a sudden, is this payment not enough?

It's easy to dismiss the tenants as paranoid. Selfish. Greedy.

But then I think of my soul — my own little vineyard. Who owns it? Who bought it at great cost?

You see, the Parable of the Tenants isn't a story about greed. It's a story about trust. The tenants don't trust the landowner to give them their payment, to honor his promises. They're scared. They're resentful. They're angry.

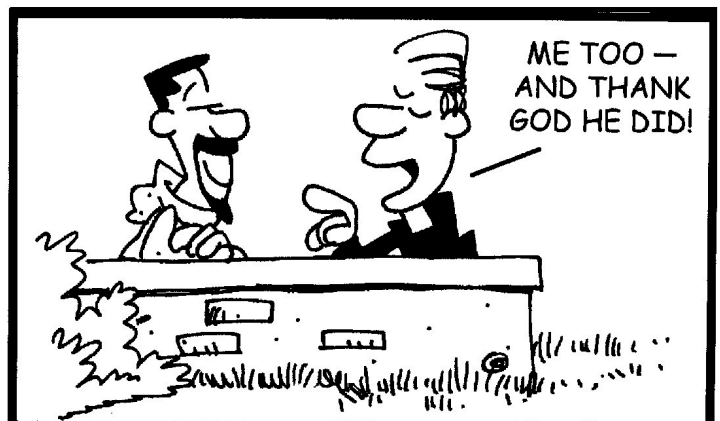
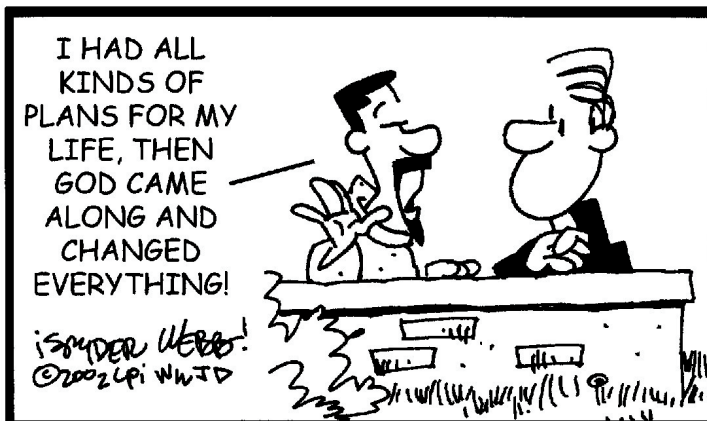
And I get it.

Around my vineyard, there is a hedge, a protective barrier of grace shielding the fruit within from the toxic fumes of a fallen world. There is a wine press, so that the harvest of my vineyard can fulfill its ultimate purpose instead of withering, forgotten, on the branch. And there is a tower, tall and sturdy, built by capable hands. From its summit, I can see predators — animals, thieves — a long time before they reach me.

But I can see something else from the tower, too. I can see the landowner's Son, making his way to the gates of my vineyard. He is coming to claim the harvest. He is coming to give me what is promised.

Do I trust him? Do I let him in?

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Traveling Vocations Chalice



Families and individuals are needed to host the Traveling Vocations Chalice for a one week commitment. Prayers are included with the chalice.

Please sign up at the table outside the chapel wall near the Herbert Street entrance.

Observances of the Week

Sunday: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Respect Life Sunday
 Monday: Bl. Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest
 Tuesday: St. Bruno, Priest; Bl. Marie Rose Durocher, Virgin
 Wednesday: Our Lady of the Rosary
 Friday: St. Denis, Bishop, and Companions, Martyrs; St. John Leonardi, Priest
 Next Sunday: 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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FAMILY OF PARISHES MASS SCHEDULE

MASS SCHEDULES

National Shrine of the Little Flower
Basilica

2100 W. 12 Mile, Royal Oak, 48073

SATURDAY- 8:30am and
4:30pm (livestreamed)

SUNDAY-7:30am, 9:30am, 11:30am
3:30pm (Spanish), and 6:00pm

WEEKDAYS (Monday thru Friday)
6:30am (livestreamed), 8:30am

St. Mary Magdalen

50 E Annabelle Ave. Hazel Park, 48030

WEDNESDAY - Noon

SUNDAY - 11:00am

St. Mary

730 S. Lafayette, Royal Oak, 48067

SATURDAY - 4:30pm

SUNDAY - 9:00am, 11 am

MON, TUES, THURS, FRI - 7:30am



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Financial Stewardship Giving - Week Ending September 27, 2026

Fiscal Year 7-1-26 to 6-30-27	Budgeted	Actual	Over/Under	YTD
Offertory Envelopes Used & e-fund participants	220	76		
Offertory	\$ 5,185.00	\$ 4,416.48	(768.52)	(6,156.03)
Energy/Hospitality/Flowers/Candles/Mass Intentions	472.00	152.00	(320.00)	(2,960.00)
Fundraising: Budget Deficit Envelopes/CSA Refunds	1,673.00	95.00	(1,578.00)	(17,055.00)
Bequests: Free Will		216.00		320.00
AOD Collection: Priest Retirement Fund		867.00		873.00
AOD Collection:				
Holy Days: All Souls		15.00		599.00
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